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¶1. It is unlikely Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso will be able to attend the Forum for the Future meeting in Amman November 30-December 1, due to scheduling conflicts and to the fact that the Diet will be in session during that period, according to Jiro Kanzawa, Deputy Director of MOFA's First Middle East Division. Per reftel, Embassy Tokyo Political Officer November 21 called on Kanzawa, who was accompanied by Yoshiteru Tsuji, also of the First Middle East Division, to urge that Foreign Minister Aso attend the meeting. While the Japanese have yet to finally determine their delegation, Kanzawa said it is most likely that it will be led by Senior Vice Minister Katsuhito Asano, and that he will be accompanied by Shinsuke Sugiyama, Deputy Director General of the Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau.
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